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Bd. of Education Lifts Standards For Graduation

Miss Rebecca Grand, Administrative Assistant in Charge of Guidance, has announced an increase in the requirements for the Academic and Commercial diplomas to become effective for the graduating class of 1962. These changes are in accordance with a Board of Education ruling which applies to all students in New York City.

An Academic student will have to earn thirty-four major credits and eleven Regents units. The former requirements were thirty-two and nine respectively. In addition, he must choose his three-year and both two-year sequences from the fields of foreign language, mathematics, or science. Applied chemistry and applied biology will not be accepted as part of the science sequence.

For a Commercial Diploma a student will need thirty-four major credits in order to be graduated. The Regents unit requirement has not been changed. It remains at eight or nine credits. However, qualifications for the second two-year sequence are affected by the new ruling. This sequence must consist of non-commercial courses in the same subject area. For example, a year of algebra has to be followed by another course in the mathematics field, such as geometry.

Office machines 1 and 2 may only be used for miscellaneous credit.

The General Diploma requirements have not undergone any change. Neither has there been an addition to the requirements regarding miscellaneous subjects, health education, health instruction, required art or required music.

Students who expect to be graduated in 1962, or after, are advised to plan their courses with regard to the Academic or Commercial increases. All problems in program planning should be discussed with the student's guidance counselor.

Senior Celebs Debut

If you are an eighth termer, you were eligible to vote on November 16, for the senior celebrities. Voters and non-voters alike can discover the outcome of the election at the Red Letter Hop on Friday night, December 9.

This dance will be held in the Boys' Gym and the winners will be announced later in the Auditorium. The Senior Class officials will announce the winners of the various celebrity titles.

Mr. Diamond, the senior advisor, is the only one to know who the winners are until that fateful night, for only he is allowed to see the ballots. So after weeks of anxiety and nail-biting, some well-deserving seniors will be the recipients of the coveted blue ribbons.

Tilden Students Attend Technical Conferences

Simultaneous sessions of the Eighth Annual Science and Engineering Career Conference were held on Saturday, November 18, at four New York colleges.

The colleges were Manhattan College in the Bronx, Wagner College on Staten Island, and Pratt Institute and New York City. Community College, both located in Brooklyn.

The conference, designed for third to seventh term students only, commenced with a 9:00 A.M. Assembly addressed by leading scientists and educators. At 19:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Workshops were lead by prominent educators and industrialists. Visits to college laboratories at noon, were also conducted.

For first year and ninth grade students exclusively, a special 10:30 A.M. convocation was addressed by prominent scientists, engineers, and educators.

Parents of the seventh termers were also invited to attend and participate in this conference.

Milbauer, Kerish and Rosenberg Attain Highest Senior Averages

Averages of eighth term students were recently released by Mrs. Rosenberg, Class record secretary. All of those in the group of the top eleven students, are members of Arista.

Ruth Milbauer of class 8G attained an average of 95.3, the highest in the class. Ruth is a member of Senior Sing and has served on the library squad.

Tied for second place are Beverly Kerish, 8F, and Adrienne Rosenberg, 8A, with 94.4 averages. Beverly is the girl leader of Arista and is on the staffs of *Tilden Scientist* and *Polyglot*. Adrienne is copy editor of *Topics* and *Aristonian* and treasurer of the Drama Guild.

Left to right: Kerish, Rosenberg, Rosler, Feigenbaum.

Mitchell Feigenbaum, 8E, placed fourth with a 94.1 average. Mitchell is on the math team and is in Senior Sing.

Placing fifth is Susan Rosler, 8E, with a 93.3 average. Susan is Arista secretary and Senior Class secretary.

Ellen Kronick, 8F, is sixth with a 93 average. Ellen is a member of Senior Sing and has worked on various squads.

Pearl Cohen, 80A, has the seventh highest graduating student average. Pearl obtained the highest commercial average and is manager of the Secretarial Studies Sing.

Eighth is Christine Bolettier, also of 80A, with a 92.3 average. Christine is on the library and biology squads.

Placing ninth is Barbara Krasner of 8E with a 92.2 average. Tied for tenth place are Barbara Kaplan, 8E, and Diane Sussman, 8G, with 92 averages.

Graduating in this January 1961 class are 307 students. Commencement exercises will be held in the Tilden auditorium.

Students Campaign For Senior Celebrity Titles

Candidates for Senior Celebrities were announced at the Celebrity Hop held on October 28. Ninety-one seniors are aspiring to be celebrities of the January '61 graduating class.

Running for the title of Mr. Tilden are Norman Labelson, 8F, and Eli Schelin, 8E. Norman and Eli have been particpants in Junior Sing and are now members of Senior Sing.

Applicants for the position of Miss Tilden are Carol Mentone, 8D, and Eileen Roseman, 8G. Carol is captain of the Twirlers and a member of Sing. Eileen, captain of the Cheerleaders, was a member of Junior Sing and is participating in Senior Sing.

Mark Gross, 8A, and Joel Katz, 8E, are vying for the honor of Handsomest Senior. The female counterpart position, Prettiest Senior, is being competed for by Eleanor Bordman, 8B, Carole Prince, 8C, Rita Wolkoff, 80A, and Pat Vuzzo.

Carol Mentone, Captain of Twirlers, is vying for the title of Miss Tilden

Top: Norman Labelson; Bottom: Eli Schelin.

Eileen Roseman, Cheerleaders Captain, is vying for the title of Miss Tilden.

Competing for Girl Most Likely To Succeed are Arlene Karp, 8C, Beverly Kerish, 8G, Maxine Lederman, 8A, and Ruth Milbauer, 8G; for Boy Most Likely To Succeed is Bernard Hoffman, 8G, unopposed.

Competing for the title of Most Popular Boy are Larry Bartell, 8C; Alan Grarath, 8A; and Mel Vader, 8C. Sharon Garb, 8G, Marcia Heiss, 8C, and Ilene Wagner, 8A, are vying for the position of Most Popular Girl.

Sheldon Rokofsky, 8C, Susan Rosensweig, 8G, and Nidar Ruskin, 8B, are running for Class Vocalist; for Class Orator, Chris Sarokwash; for Class Journalist, Portia Shapiro, 8C.

Aspirants for the Class Wit title are Naomie Gilbert, 8E; Linda Gruskoff, 8A; Leah Landau 8B; Jay Levy, 8F; Harvey Magier, 8D; and Steve Turer, 8G.

Senior artists hoping to win the position of Class Artist are Roberta Bookbinder, 80A; Roslyn Fligel, 8B; Fran Tannen, 80A; and Joyce Zimmerman, 8B.

Aspiring to be Cutest Senior are Maxine Citrin, 8G; Mary Cohant, 8B; Irene Deutsch, 8F; Marsha Kaufman, 8B; Roberta Risick, 8F; Rita Schneider, 8B; and Ellen Schwartz, 8G.

For the title of Most Cheerful are Judy Cusgal, 8E; Ricki Elkins, 8A; Carol Freeman, 8F; Charlotte Hyman, 8C; Suellyn Kaplan, 8D; and Barbara Lewis, 8G. Arlene Heller, 8B; Phyllis Smith, 8D; and Tina Weissman, 8E; are vying for the Miss Dimples position.

The boys wishing to be elected Best Dancer are Bruce Ostrow, 8D; Herb Posner, 8G; and Seymour Rosenberg, 8E. The female counterpart will be Shelly Gorlick. Running for Best Boy Athlete are Bruce Bobstein and Marty Senall; for Best Girl Athlete will be Lynn Schaffer. Running unopposed for the titles of Most Versatile Boy and Class Musician are Norman Jacobson and Nina Mondry.

Competitors for the Most Popular Pair of Girls are Yvette Altschuler and Beverly Schneider; Holly and Enid Feur; Hedy Hirsh and Susan Leby; Edith Hirshorn and Sherry Simansky; Marilyn and Estelle Shapiro; Bernice Leumack and Phyllis Slazer.

Competitors for the Most Popular Pair Of Boys position are Harvey Hermer and Morty Stahl against Reginald Sabella and Mike Schwartz.

The candidates, during the campaign, wore signs from Oct. 28 to Nov. 4, declaring the title for which they are running. The winners will learn of the success of their campaigning at the Red Letter Hop to be held Dec. 9.

Dr. Stempel Speaks On Pharmaceutics

The different opportunities available in the field of Pharmacy were discussed by the guest speaker, Dr. Stempel, of the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, at the November 10 career conference, held in room 238.

It was stated by Dr. Stempel that there are no fixed aptitudes or special high school courses needed for one to enter the field of Pharmacy. Dr. Stempel declared that the student should feel a sense of personal satisfaction in the job along with a feeling of obligation to serve people. It was also suggested that the student have above average qualities of responsibility, patience, accuracy and good judgment. These points enriched his aim of informing Tilden students of the opportunities available in the field of Pharmacy, and helped decide which pharmaceutical career best suited each individual.

Admission requirements for the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy include 2½ units of mathematics, 2 years of science and 2½ units of Social Studies under an Academic Diploma. Tuition is $700 to $800 yearly with the New York State Regents Scholarship available to worthy students in order to aid them financially.

G.O. Rally and Dance On Thanksgiving Eve Precedes Last Game

Preceding the Thanksgiving Day game the traditional Tilden-Jeff football rally and dance was held on Wednesday evening, November 23, at 8:30 P.M. in the Boys' Gym.

Sponsored by the G.O., the purpose of this rally was to bolster spirits and inspire the players onto a Tilden victory this year. The Band, Boosters, Cheerleaders and Twirlers were on hand to provide entertainment to encourage us.

This dance was under the auspices of Jay Kranis, Neil Silverman and Isabelle Goodman, G.O. officers, as well as various other student committees. The arrangements were executed by Mr. Joseph Smallberg.

Tickets of admission to the dance were sold in the G.O. office and in the halls by the Boosters during the entire school day. The tickets were priced at fifty cents and none were sold at the door.

The chaperones for the evening were Mr. Harvey Abramson, Mr. Saul Krokow, Mr. Joseph Smallberg, and Mr. Joseph Solomon. The Longfellows were responsible for decorations and were ushers at the dance.

The Thanksgiving game was especially important because it was the last scheduled game of the season and it was played against Jefferson, our traditional football rival. Tilden and Jefferson have had identical records for victories and defeats this season previous to the game, since Tilden lost to James Madison and Jefferson lost to Brooklyn Tech. This heightened the tension and importance of the game.

N.Y.U. Workshop Attracts H.S. Editors

Seymour Safransky and Portia Shapiro, managing editor and editor-in-chief of *Topics*, respectively, represented Tilden High School at the N.Y.U. Workshop for High School Editors held on October 20 through October 22.

Various aspects of journalism were discussed by the editors present who represented almost all of the city's high school publications. Newspaper techniques, make-up work, TV reviewing, and reporting comprised the basic core of the discussion. However, questions dealing with the popularity of Dick Clark and the effects of pay-TV on the viewer, also made their way into the question and answer period.

The speakers, in order of their appearances, included Woody Klein, of the *New York World Telegram and Sun;* John Pascal, of the *Journal-American;* Barbara de Latiner, TV critic for *Newsweek*, who was the after-dinner speaker; Professor Towne and Mrs. Cole, teachers at New York University; and Professor Krieghbaum, head of the Journalism Department at New York University.

Newspapers and literary publications of the high schools represented were "taken apart" by the various speakers and other editors. The Workshop meets annually for three days to better acquaint high school editors with the fundamentals of newspaper work.

After the morning session of the discussion, the editors attended a luncheon in the Loeb Student Center sponsored by the Workshop.

TOPICS TALKS:

THESE TRYING TIMES

Due to the enlarged student body, there has been an extreme increase in the congestion of the halls during passing. Thomas Paine coined the phrase that is most applicable to the situation, "These are the times that try men's souls." Some dismayed students have suggested that getting to class on time would be appropriate as one of Hercules' tasks.

In an effort to alleviate the problem, exits 3 and 4 have been changed to UP staircases. This has proven to be quite successful. Also, two plans have been submitted that will conceivably relieve the congestion.

1. The corridor on the first floor, between Exits 1, 2, 3 and 4, has been closed during passing. If you must reach a classroom on the other side of the building, you must either take a detour through the boy's cafeteria or go by way of the second floor. The former is quite impossible since once you enter the cafeteria, you aren't permitted to leave, and thus you are trapped. The latter will tend to increase the traffic on the second floor and will produce an undesirable congestion there. What are we to do? Our suggestion is that you try to find an alternate route. It may involve a longer walk, but it will provide an excellent exercise and it will unclog the inundation on the first floor.

2. The second, and we believe the most practical, is to extend the passing time between the 4th and 8th periods one minute per period. This would add only 3 minutes to the school day but would, we believe, permit a more even flow of traffic. Since the students wouldn't be forced to rush to class, there wouldn't be a bunching-up of students at the central corridors which is the main reason for traffic congestion.

Although this re-routing of the students may result in a great deal of controversy and hardship, we feel that it will constitute a lessened traffic problem on the first floor. As usual, we believe, that only time will tell.

Versatile Mr. Purdy Thinks For Himself

Mr. William F. Purdy is a man of varied talents. By vocation he is Tilden's Custodian Engineer; by avocation he is a shark fisherman.

Along with his son, William Jr., Assistant Custodian Engineer, he heads an efficient team of eighteen. In this supervisory post, Mr. Purdy directs the heating, cleaning, repairing and general maintenance of Tilden.

Upon graduating from Pratt Institute with a degree of Electrical Engineering, he joined the staff of the Bell Telephone Laboratories as the assistant chief engineer of the power plant operation department. Mr. Purdy held that position for twelve years. Finding that the New York Board of Education offered greater opportunity for an experienced engineer, he entered the field of custodial engineering.

Prior to Tilden, this native New Yorker served as custodial engineer

Renowned Shark Fisherman

in Girls and Grady Vocational High Schools. Mr. Purdy believes that one of the greatest problems facing him is the deterioration of this 30-year-old building, for he must keep the school in top-notch condition.

One of the Messrs. Purdy's favorite hobbies is shark fishing. They have been engaging in this sport for the past two years. These two pros have caught some sharks that have weighed as much as 250 pounds. Mr. Purdy Sr. is also an avid skeet-shooting and bridge fan. As a last thought Mr. Purdy describes the Tilden students as "angels."

From the Principal:

PLAN FUTURE CAREERS WITH CARE

November, 1960

My dear students:

This is the time of your life when you are naturally beginning to think of the problem, "What am I going to do for a living? It is entirely proper that you give this question serious consideration for there will be few decisions more important than this one. When you bear in mind that there are literally thousands of vocations, the problem of selecting the right one for you is indeed an awesome one.

The truth is that most people drift into, rather than plan, their careers. Some select a job or profession because of parental pressure. Mama or papa may decide that they want a doctor in the family. Sometimes a career is selected because one's best friend is preparing for it—so why not keep him company? It is therefore essential that you refrain from making this important decision in so haphazard a manner.

What are the steps that you can take toward meeting this problem intelligently?

1. Be sure to get a good, sound, all-around education, because no matter what vocation you ultimately select, this will serve as a foundation.

2. As you study each subject, learn something about the vocational opportunities connected with it. Thus, a study of biology might lead you to consider becoming a doctor, botanist, school teacher, agronomist, laboratory technician, etc,; a study of mathematics would lead you to consider becoming a physicist, professional mathematician, statistician, accountant, actuary, etc.; and so with all your other subjects.

3. Make a realistic inventory of your major interests. Probably the best single index to the choice of a career is this one. A student who dislikes biology and chemistry, for instance, would be foolhardy to consider medicine. On the other hand, a student who enjoys the humanities, likes people, and is undismayed by the prospect of a verbal clash with a bright opponent, might well consider a profession such as law.

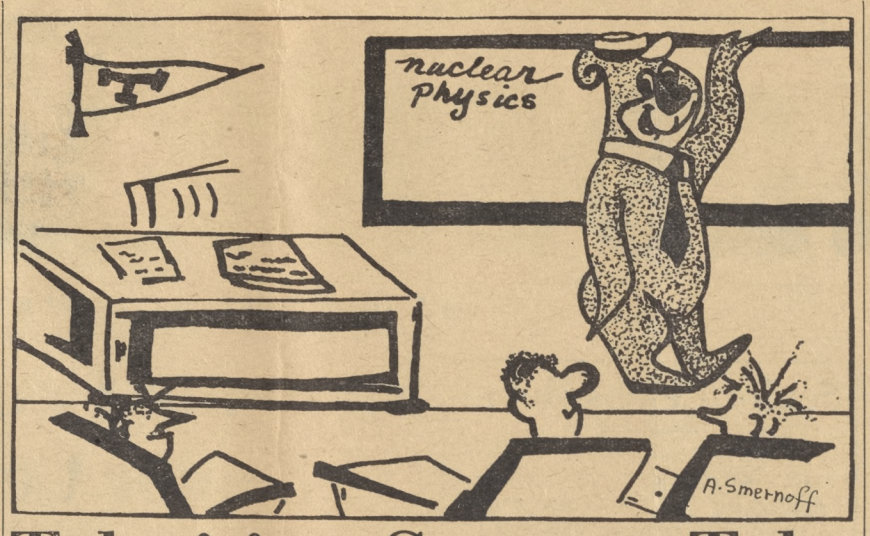
4. Some time before you graduate, preferably during the junior year, a talk with your guidance counselor on this subject is very much in order. Your counselor will have information on colleges and careers which will be of great help to you.

5. For some of you a vocational test may be indicated. Where a student is still in a quandry in his senior year, such a battery of tests, when given by the proper agency, can be helpful. Again your guidance counselor can suggest to you how and where you may take such tests, and if taking such a test is advisable in your case.

6. Attend one or more of our weekly career conferences. Each week during morning assembly time the Guidance Department holds a meeting on a different vocation or profession.

Cordially yours,

Abraham Margolies
Principal



Television Cartoons Take Teen Viewers By Storm

Television, to those of you who may not be aware, is what you watch while doing homework. From the subtle wit of the "Three Stooges" to the heart-warming tenderness of red, white, and bullet-blodded Elliot Ness as he convinces another lawbreaker of the error of his ways with a gentle spray of machine-gun bullets, the fare is wide and varied.

However, even among this great plethora, there is a surprising popularity among teenagers for shows that are designed for the so-called "kiddie audience." We are referring to such cartoons as "Huckleberry Hound" and "Rocket J. Squirrel." On the surface it might seem that the supposedly "mature" adolescent, as he likes to refer to himself, is revealing that underneath it all he is still only a "kid."

The reason for this trend, however, it may be said, is a sign of discriminating taste of the modern teenager. He is constantly being offered the same bland diet on television. Is there really any difference between one night's western and another one's; one mystery show an another; or any two typical situation comedy shows? Boredom and conformity seem to predominate.

Now, on the other hand, the cartoon shows are original. The plots are witty and effervescent. They are actually funny. Also, the shows offer teenagers a chance to see the life around them gently satirized. Basically, of course, the cartoon media is the perfect one in which to make fun of a subject. Since the characters are almost human, but not quite, situations which would either be impossible or illogical with human actors can be used. Sample: One recent show depicted a congressman crying for the deportation of moonmen because they are Un-American.

This of course doesn't mean all television cartoons are original or funny. "The Flintstones," a new hour cartoon show, seems like a re-hash of the sadder episodes of the "Honeymooners." However, most of the cartoon shows are enjoyable.

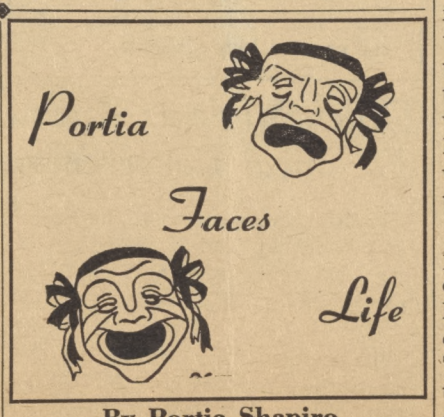
One cartoon show goes as far as kidding westerns themselves ("Quick Draw McGraw — the fastest horse with a gun in all the west). This new wave of animated cartooning, as differentiated from the old slapstick type, is a sign that all is not yet conformity on the teenage scene. Who needs Nixon or Kennedy? We have Yogi Bear! R.E.K.

Chopped Liver Eaten As Tranquilizer Pills

Does the gray shadow of the midterms threaten the harmony of your Thanksgiving dinner, brother? Cheer up, friend! Lift that sagging chin, straighten those drooping shoulders, and bury your sorrows in some cranberry sauce.

Gorge yourself with roast turkey. Stick the whole drumstick into your mouth. Thus, one hand can be free to extract some choice stuffing while you scoop up a wad of mashed potatoes with the nearest spoon. You may feel bloated to the point of choking, gasping, but remember that the chopped liver, chicken soup, and potato pudding are all behind you.

The vision of a crusty cream-filled pumpkin pie is dancing madly before your eyes. Weighted to your seat, you strive to reach your goal. This is the supreme effort. Finally, victorious, you devour your prey not allowing a drop of syrup to bypass your lips and obvious to everything except the mince pie across the table.



By Portia Shapiro

Come November the nation welcomes "Open School Week," the showdown between the uninformed parent and the well-informed teacher. The meeting of the irresistible force and the immovable object can only mean disaster for the innocent student . . . me.

Glibly I evaded the date of that week of infamy. However, my observant mother noticed me stuffing a crumpled ball of paper down a moosehead, and promptly retrieved the document. Upon discovering what my intentions were, she insisted on visiting all of my teachers. To make matters worse, she convinced my father to accompany her on the jaunt.

With a list of teachers in hand my apprehensive parents proceeded to Tilden. Entering the building they were caught in a tide of equally bewildered adults, too, searching for non-existent rooms. Supplied with the wrong directions given to them by Arista and the Longfellows, they found themselves in the girls' locker room. Lost in the maze they groped their way to the showers, around the pool, and finally they managed to find an unlighted stairway and tripped their way up to the first floor.

Before meeting the first teacher on the list, they were given the magic key, a numbered yellow slip of paper. Since the pedagogue was engaged in a rather lengthy conversation with parent number one, and they were 145, they settled back and recuperated from their past journey. Crammed in the trap known as seats, they first realized the physical tortures I have suffered for the past twelve years.

Two hours later the faculty member beckoned my parents. Fearing some awesome report, they braced themselves for a shock, which they received accordingly. Stern-faced, he said, "Your daughter is doing very well." My mother replied, "But she watches television until three in the morning." To which he answered, "It's educational." "Not the kind Portia watches," my mother retorted.

P.S. I wonder, do they have "Open School Week" in college?

By Seymour Safransky

Now that the elections are over and the political tumult is beginning to quiet down, this column is under the impression that the small margin of votes by which Senator Kennedy won is an indication that the American people actually wanted the contest to result in a tie. It is likely, as Mort Sahl said, that they wanted the White House to remain vacant for another four years, but, as we know, somebody has to pay the rent.

While we're on the topic of not being present, there is another elusive personality who has not been seen lately—that six-foot, invisible rabbit, Harvey, who will visit us again via David Susskind's *Du Pont Show of the Month*, December 13. Receiving rave notices on its first T.V. showing, two years ago, *Harvey*, a delightful comedy by Mary Chase, stars Art Carney and Marion Lorne.

How many of you MISSED the Thanksgiving Day Parade . . . either on T.V. or in person? Besides avoiding it for the simple reason that it is un-entertaining and boring, most of us should have been flocking to see the Tilden-Jeff game—the results of which are not known at this writing. However, I do hope that the outcome would have given us real cause for thanksgiving . . . and on that note . . .

Sports Aficionados . . . who in the past have missed so many sporting events at Madison Square Garden will have an opportunity to miss visiting even another gigantic sports palace. To act as a supplement to the Garden, the new arena will cost thirty million dollars. It will seat 25,000, and will be the center for circuses, ball games, and other extravaganzas.

"Exodus" Comes to the Screen . . . **Leon Uris' best seller, *Exodus*, the story of the establishment of the state of Israel, is now a movie. Having one of the all-time advance ticket sales in motion picture history, it will open December 15, at the Warner Theater.**

Footnote to the Election . . . Perhaps it was poetic justice that President-elect Kennedy did triumph in this election by a very narrow margin. For if we consult our history texts, we will see that our own Samuel J. Tilden, a Democrat, lost to Rutherford B. Hayes in the 1876 campaign by one electoral vote — although he carried a majority of the popular vote. I guess that evens things up.

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ON THE SIDELINES

with

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and

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As the football season has progressed, we have constantly noticed the fine overall play of the lines on the *Blue Devils*. On both offense and defense, the lineman's job is one of the most difficult assignments to be found. Football's forgotten man, he creates the holes through which the scorers gallop. We feel that Tilden's linemen should get the recognition they deserve. This issue, we are concentrating on the offensive line, and next time, we'll talk about the defense.

Tilden's version of the "sizable seven," the offensive line. Left to right are: Jeff Bruckenstein, George Pena, Neil Rashkin, Al Sachs, Steve Mendelsohn, Marty Senall, and Harvey Rubin.

In addition, we think Tilden fans should be told of the other members of the team's backfield. Besides the increasingly amazing Ronnie Bliey (who always confuses us with his ever-changing numbers), there are Willie Bright, a fullback, Morty Stahl and Steve Greenspan, halfbacks. Outstanding on pass defense is Mike Elman, a junior. Steve Small is doing a creditable job in backing up quarterback Richie Garcia.

Apologies

Last issue, when we mentioned all the groups who participated at athletic events, we accidentally omitted the football band. Under the leadership of Mr. Weil, the band performs admirably at every game. We're sure that you all have noticed, at least once, the rousing blare of the trumpets and roll of the drums after each Tilden first down or score.

Ugh! Ugh!

Tilden's athletic achievements are not limited to interscholastic competition. On Saturday, October 29, Eugene Forgash, a sixteen year old junior, set a weight-lifting record in the Junior Metropolitan Championships. Eugene pressed 220 pounds in the 135 pound weight class, breaking the old mark by five pounds.

Cindermen Open Successfully; Cope First In Flatbush Champs

Coach Joe Solomon's varsity runners, who include Jimmy Bisbee, Robert Cope, John Donnelly, Tony Foresta, Fred Nocella, Frank Ribaudo, and Jerry Weiner, were awarded several medals in this season's competition. The rigorous schedule included the Brooklyn Cross-Country Championships, the Flatbush Championships, and the City Championships.

On November 2, the Brooklyn Cross-Country Championships were held. Tilden's entry in the meet placed fifth. Captain Fred Nocella, and junior John Donnelly, took well-deserved medals. Robert Cope placed 6th in Brooklyn.

One week after the Brooklyn Championships, the Flatbush Championships took place. The team took a second spot in the competition. Robert Cope won his heat with the excellent time of twelve minutes and twenty seconds. This is a marvelous accomplishment for any runner to achieve. Added to Robert's honor is the fact that he is only in his junior year. John Donnelly took a respectable sixth place, and crossed the finish line not too far behind Robert Cope, who ended with a fine kick carrying him over the finish line on top of the pack. Fred Nocella also earned a medal in the Flatbush Championships.

In the City Championships, Tilden's Cross-Country Team took tenth place in a meet which included teams from the main high schools in New York City. Among participants from Tilden, Captain Jimmy Bisbee finished twenty-seventh, Robert Cope placed thirty-fourth, John Donnelly crossed the finish line in seventy-first position, Jerry Weiner was eighty-fifth, Tony Foresta was one-hundred and first, and Frank Ribaudo finished in the one-hundred and tenth spot. All our cindermen did well in this very rigid competition.

Getting into shape for spring shot put season are Robert Fuster, Sidney Moskowitz, Allen Ostrow, and Phil Stein. This is a rough event, and the boys want to be ready for it.

Keglers Launch New Season; Turnout Big

On November 9, Tilden's Bowling Team launched its season of rigorous competition.

Coach Herman Ginsberg stated that there was a good turnout this year for team tryouts, led by co-captains Eddie Beldau and Jeff Portner. Other possible starters include Bobby Shumer, Gary Weisbrot, Anthony Minniti, Ernie Saccone, and Leonard Levenberg. Additional members of the team are Harvey Shectman, Mark Shapiro, Robert Kanin, Jeffrey Siegel, Norman Feinberg, Herbie Bernstein, Joel Schaffer, Robert Greenberg, Harold Rudawitz, Stuart Ginsberg, Richie Pines, Joe Traine, and Eddie Goldstein. Some of these bowlers average between 170 and 180.

An individual match consists of three games, and the winner of two out of three of these is the victor. Tilden's home matches are played at Colony Bowling Center which is located on Linden Boulevard. The matches are scheduled as follows: November 9—Sheepshead; Nov. 16—Hamilton; Nov. 18—Midwood; Nov. 30—Wingate; Dec. 2—Erasmus; Dec. 7—Madison; Dec. 9—Sheepshead; Dec. 14—Hamilton; Dec. 16—Midwood; Dec. 22—Wingate; Jan. 4—Erasmus; Jan. 6—Madison.

Swimmers Set For Rough Competition

Coach De Fronzo is counting upon a combination of experienced veterans and several promising newcomers to strengthen the swimming team. These are the boys on the squad, according to their specialties:

50 and 100 yard freestyle—Richard Rothbard, Tom Garcia, Ted Feldman, Leonard Levinberg, Larry Handelman, Dave Hertslinger, Michael Cherbins, Richard Einhorn, and Robert Broderick.

Butterfly—James O'Brien.

100 yard breaststroke — Richard Levinson, Allen Wang, Robert Daniels, Frank Bernedette.

100 yard backstroke—Donald Forster, Edward Morgano, Joseph Parisi, Hank Garvin.

200 yard freestyle—Captain Joey Rost, Stuart Miller, Paul Irgang.

Diving—Kenny Strum, Allen Elliot.

These boys have all been practicing diligently and strenuously. They are eager to top last season's second place finish in their division.

Gridders Rout Erasmus; Overcome Midwood, 30-24

Coaches Mars and Adler's Tilden *Blue Devils* continued to march along their victory path as they crushed Erasmus, 46-14, on October 28. The gridders tallied in every period, racking up 22 points in the final frame, to run away with the contest.

ELBOW ROOM: Ronnie Bliey breezes past Midwood defenders as Rich Garcia looks on.

The *Marsmen* wasted no time in scoring. After the ball had been moved to the Erasmus 46, Willie Bright burst off tackle for an apparent touchdown. A backs-in-motion penalty nullified the run, however, and set the team back five yards. Still, the *Blue Devils* pressed onward, and Morty Stahl culminated the drive by sweeping left end from eight yards out. Ronnie Bliey's conversion made the first-period score 8-0.

Both teams traded touchdowns during the second quarter. Erasmus capped an 85-yard march with a quarterback sneak from the one. Their points-after attempt failed, however, and the score was 8-6. Late in the period, Ron Bliey astounded the crowd with a sensational 82-yard touchdown run. Taking a handoff from Richie Garcia, Bliey cut off tackle, veered right, powered a path through Erasmus defenders, and streaked downfield. Harvey Rubin's fine downfield block eliminated the only man between Ron and the end zone, and he raced unmolested to score. Ronnie also tallied the extra points, and the first half ended with Tilden holding a 16-6 margin.

Erasmus opened the third quarter by tallying on a 2-yard run. Although the conversion was good, and the Tilden lead was only 2 points, the Blue Devils were never again threatened. Ronnie Bliey added three more touchdowns to his total, on runs of 20 yards, 85 yards, and 53 yards with a flat pass from Garcia. Willie Bright broke off left tackle on a 40 yard touchdown jaunt, for the Blue -Devils' fourth score of the second half. Ronnie Bliey ran three more two-point conversions and wound up with the unbelievable sum of 34 points for the game.

In their next encounter, the *Blue Devils* defeated Midwood, 30-24. The *Marsmen* surged from a halftime deficit to win one of the most thrilling games in years.

Tilden got a quick 8-0 lead in the opening quarter. After Willie Bright's recovery of a Midwood fumble, Ron Bliey tallied on a 27-yard spurt around right end and the repeated the play for the conversion. Midwood, however, stormed back in the next period, on Tom Minerva's 1-yard dive and Mitch Eisenberg's 12-yard scoring pass, to take a 16-8 halftime margin.

In the second half, though, Bliey sent Tilden ahead with scoring sprints from 3 and 18 yards out. Once again, Midwood come back, now on a 34-yard pass from Eisenberg to McCarthy. Nevertheless, Tilden was not to be bettered. With about 4 minutes left, Rich Garcia unleashed an electrifying 49-yard TD pitch to Harvey Rubin to give Tilden its victory.

Basketball Schedule

Nov.	15	Sheepshead (H)
n	18	Jamaica (A)
	21	Jefferson (A)
*Dec.	2	Wingate (H)
*	6	Westinghouse (A)
*	9	Grady (H)
*	14	Midwood (A)
*n**	16	Erasmus (A)
	20	Sheepshead (A)
*	23	Hamilton (A)
*Jan.	4	Wingate (A)
*	9	Westinghouse (H)
*	11	Grady (A)
*	17	Midwood (H)
*	20	Erasmus (H)
Feb.	6	Lane (H)
*	10	Hamilton (H)

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(H) Home (A) Away

FLASH!

On November 12, the Tilden *Blue Devils* were defeated by the *Highwaymen* of Madison, 34-22, in one of the year's most shocking upsets. The loss set the team's record at 4-1, and spoiled hopes for a City playoff berth.

Madison drew first blood in the contest, when halfback Mike Glickman capped a 59-yard march by plunging through the middle. Tilden came back strongly, however, scoring the next two touchdowns on an 84-yard kickoff return by Ronnie Bliey and a 42-yard pass play from Richie Garcia to Harvey Rubin. Meanwhile, the visitors tallied twice on short runs by fullback Jerry MacGregor. Tilden regained the lead on a 36-yard TD pass from Garcia to Bliey and Ronnie's conversion run, but it was short lived. With less than 3 minutes left to play, Nick Spinelli sent Madison ahead on 49-yard pass-run play. Halfback Mike Glickman then put the game on ice by sprinting 46 yards to paydirt with an intercepted pass.

Goldmen Win Opener, Trouncing Sheepshead

With an impressive spurt in the final four minutes, Coach Jerry Gold's Tilden basketball team opened the non-league segment of their schedule with a hard-earned 62-52 victory over stubborn Sheepshead Bay, at Tilden on November 15.

Bobby Kranz, Tilden's brilliant backcourt star, shone for the *Blue Devils* with an excellent all-around game and 24 points on eight field goals and eight foul shots. Len Kamin was next with 12, followed by Arnie Schanker with 11, Billy Goldstein, 9, and Billy Mirkin, 5.

The *Goldmen*, who led 26-23 at the half, and 41-36 after the third quarter, had their lead cut to 47-46 in the midway section of the final quarter. Then Bobby, with a key assist from Len, scored several clutch baskets to break the game wide open at the end.

Tilden (62)

Player	*FG*	*FT*	*P*
Kranz	8	8-9	24
Schanker	4	3-3	11
Goldstein	3	3-4	9
Mirkin	2	1-2	5
Wechsler	0	1-3	1
Kamin	4	4-5	12
Totals	21	20-26	62

Sheepshead (52)

Player	*FG*	*FT*	*P*
Petrocelli	8	9	25
Zamkoff	1	1	3
Mallis	2	1	5
Arqul	3	1	8
Farello	2	0	4
Anderson	1	0	2
Levine	1	1	3
Fur'shine	1	0	2
Totals	19	14-22	52

Touchdown Talk

One of the most heartwarming aspects of the 1960 PSAL race has been the brilliant comeback made by Tilden's outstanding right tackle, George Pena.

George, a 6 ft., 210 pound senior, suffered a broken leg in the Erasmus game last season, but has made a sparkling return to action to strengthen the Tilden line.

His great work on offense and defense, has labeled him All-City material for '60 In the recent Erasmus game, George made 14 tackles on defense and was instrumental in Tilden's 46-14 romp. He has made 27 tackles in three games this season.

George has high hopes for the *Blue Devils* this year. Nevertheless, he is cautious and has deep respect for Jefferson as a contender.

His most exciting moment came in 1958, when Tilden beat Jeff in the season finals, 8-6, to achieve a winning finale.

After graduation from Tilden, George would like to go to college and continue playing football.

Perhaps the biggest surprise in the fortunes of the 1960, undefeated and City Title bound, Tilden football team has been the brilliant work turned in by quarterback Richie Garcia.

A 5 foot 9 inch, 160 lb. junior, Richie became the starting quarterback because of his fine showing in the pre-season scrimmage. Since then his work has bordered from good to excellent.

In the 32-0 rout of John Jay, Richie completed 4 out of 4 passes for 101 yards. Against Erasmus, when the *Blue Devils* romped, 46-14, he threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Ronnie Bliey. But Richie really rose to the occasion in the crucial Midwood contest.

In the last three minutes, when the score was 24-all, he snapped the deadlock with a perfect 49 yard touchdown strike to end Harvey Rubin, which gave Tilden a 30-24 victory.

Richie, like George Pena, is hopeful for a successful year for the football team. He too, however, thinks that Jefferson will be the team's toughest opponent.

By Susan Rothberg and Leonard Zwerling

Here we are, at the midway point of the term, and what a time it has been! Tilden has lost a football game, Kennedy has won (yea!), Midterms are history, and the last turkey sandwich, and turkey soup has been eaten. Ahead is Sing, Christmas, Finals, and Regents (remember them?).

Speaking of the Presidential Election, the Social Studies Department conducted a poll of the students before the election. The results were as follows:

Kennedy	2438
Nixon	442
Other (Vegetarian and Socialist Parties)	70
Undecided	78

A quick glance at the figures tells the story. The only fact we are disturbed about is the 78 undecided votes. If you aren't a Democrat or a Republican, or even a Vegetarian—what are you—Inhibited?

Udoff Strikes Back

Alan Udoff, 7N, represented Tilden on Channel 11's "Through the Eyes of the Artist" on Monday, Nov. 7. The artist was Paul Wrablica, industrial designer. Alan, taking the part of a consumer, was one of the three students to question Mr. Wrablica about the importance and necessity of industrial design. Alan, a Tilden senior, and Hebrew Co-Editor of Polyglot, plans to be a philosophy major and go to Wagner College. He is interested in classical music and languages.

Alan Udoff

Boys and Girls Wanted!

Mr. Alan Knieter, of the Music Department, is desperate. His Boys' and Mixed Chorus needs Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, and Basses for his musical extravaganza. If you can carry a tune and have the time, please come to Room 227, periods 1 to 8, to speak to him. Remember, Mr. Knieter needs you!

Girls Only

The Senior Girl Scouts are forming a new troop. If you are a girl between the ages of 14 and 17, and would like to join the troop, the meetings are to be held on Saturday morning at the Brownsville Recreation Center.

Lots of Luck

Congratulations to Mr. Arnold Schwartz, our Faculty Advisor, who has recently been presented with a baby girl. Best wishes to Mr. Bernie Mars, who now has a 6 lb., 13 oz. boy named Steven Mark.

Also, congratulations to Mrs. Margolis on her marriage. She is the former Miss Simon.

Join the Navy!

A few weeks ago several sailors were standing in front of the entrances handing out propaganda trying to induce our male population to become Naval Air Reserve Recruits. If you are 17 years of age, mentally and physically qualified, you are eligible for enlistment at the Floyd Bennett Field. This enlistment, satisfying all military requirements of the present draft law, is for six years. See the Naval Air Station Recruiting Office, Wednesday through Sunday, until 3:30 P.M.

The Play's the Thing

Casting for the spring play will take place in January, under the direction of Mr. Joel Dick. The play will be a three-act comedy involving many more characters than last year's play. The name of the play has not yet been disclosed. See Mr. Dick for more information.

30-30-30

Sitting in our office, grinning at each other, we have decided to close before the ads squeeze us into the margin.

Candidates Debate '60 Campaign Issues

As part of Tilden's tradition, Mr. Margolies invited representatives of the Republican and Democratic parties to speak at an assembly program on the campaign issues of 1960. Mr. Margolies opened the program before Mr. Venit, moderator of the debate, introduced the two speakers.

Republican Donald Freund, former assistant district attorney of Kings County, stressed the country's need for a man with virtue of spirit and experience. Mr. Fruend's key point was that it is this experience which the Republicans believe qualify Richard Nixon as a great leader of the U.S. and the free world. Foreign policy was discussed in relation to the jet age, internationalism, and the need to avoid the third world war. He concluded his speech, promoting Nixon as the candidate whose leadership will insure strength and peace for the United States.

A strong rebuttal to Mr. Fruend's arguments by Congressman Multer, representative of the 13th Congressional district, followed. In answer, he said, "learning does much but enthusiasm does everything," meaning that under Kennedy's leadership, the new administration will promote progress in areas of minimum wage laws, civil rights, federal aid to the educational system for teachers' salaries, school construction, and social security.

Former Students Return As Tilden Pedagogues

L. to r.: Messrs. Abramson, Friedman, Knieter.

Several former Tilden students have returned to school, but this time they are on the opposite side of the desk.

These new teachers have two impressions of Tilden—one as a student, and the other as a teacher. When they were asked to contrast these opinions, several definite differences appeared.

Mr. H. Abramson of the Biology Department states that when he was here (late 1940's), higher marks were more difficult to achieve and a student had to pass a certain number of majors before going on to the next term. Mr. Abramson feels that there was greater school spirit and students were more interested in what was going on. He also feels that students are more sophisticated and are more interested in what is going on in the world.

Mr. H. Engelsohn, class of '55, is a member of the Math Department and views Tilden in very much the same light as Mr. Abramson.

He remarked that many more students now are taking the fourth year of math and a language and going to college. Yet he was quoted as saying, "It's about time that more emphasis was placed on academic subjects."

Also a member of the Math Department, Mr. Morton Friedman, class of '55, was a member of the "narrow select world of the honor classes." He finds it strange to be treated as a colleague of his former teachers. Students to him seem to be more clothes conscious, boys as well as girls. When Mr. Freedman was here, basketball was the main sport and the basketball star was treated in much the same way as Ronnie Bliey.

Music Department member, Mr. A. Knieter, January '54, feels that the student body as a whole is more worldly and is more willing to participate to a greater extent in school activities. He thinks it is important that teenagers be treated as such, and not as adults. Mr. Knieter formed the first Talent Club at Tilden, composed of students who could sing, dance, write, etc.

Representing the feminine point of view, Mrs. Margolis (formerly Miss Simon), remarked that the girls today are more interested in a career and a college education than girls were when she went to high school. Tilden has gained immeasurably in prestige, due to its improved sports record and especially, its varied scholastic program, with many more honor classes.

Completely enthusiastic about Tilden, Mr. Teitelbaum said, "It was a good school when I went to it, and it's an even better one now." When Mr. Teitelbaum was here, however, there were many more subject clubs and fewer school-wide activities such as Sing.

The only thing I can't understand is why, after someone graduates from Tilden, he would ever want to return?

—Susan Rothberg

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